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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: MBFR: FRENCH DATA PROBLEM

REF: USNATO 271 (DTG 181940Z JAN 77)

1. AT JANUARY 24 SPC MEETING, FRG REP (SCHNELLER)
NOTED AN ARGUMENT MADE IN THE FRENCH STATEMENT OF
JANUARY 17: THAT SINCE THE WESTERN PARTICIPANTS
DECIDED TO TABLE IN VIENNA FIGURES ON THEIR OWN FORCES ONLY,
THE MBFR WORKING GROUP SHOULD PURSUE ITS STUDIES
ON THAT BASIS, WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FIGURES
TN FRENCH FORCES IN THE FRG (PARA 2, REFTEL). FRG
REP SAID THAT IN THE VIEW OF HIS AUTHORITIES, THE
GUIDANCE AUTHORIZING THE AHG TO TABLE DATA ON
WESTERN FORCES (C-M(76)83) CONTAINS THREE ITEMS OF
EQUAL VALUE. THE THIRD PARA IN THAT GUIDANCE, FOR
THE INFORMATION OF THE AHG ONLY, CONSTITUTED AN
SECRET

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AGREEMENT AMONG THE CYEEAS CYEE, AND MADE
CLEAR THAT THE TRANSMISSION OF THE DATA TO VIENNA
DID NOT MODIFY THE EXISTING SITUATION. THE
TRANSMISSION OF THIS DATA WAS WITHOUT PREJUDICE
TO FUTURE WORK IN THE ALLIANCE. DUTCH REP
(MEESMAN) SAID THAT WAS THE THINKING OF HIS
AUTHORITIES AS WELL.

2. CANADIAN REP (BACON) OBSERVED THAT AT THE
PREVIOUS MEETING, SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAD

SUPPORTED A DISCLAIMER SOLUTION, E.G., A FOOTNOTE/
DISCLAIMER IN WORKING GROUP DOCUMENTS CONTAINING
DATA. HE SAID THAT PART OF THE BALL WAS THEREFORE
IN THE FRENCH COURT. HE SUGGESTED AWAITING
FURTHER THOUGHTS FROM THE FRENCH REP ON THE SUBJECT.

3. THERE WERE A FEW REMARKS, SIMILAR TO THOSE AT
THE PREVIOUS MEETING, ABOUT THE NEED TO CONSIDER
ALL FORCES IN THE AREA IN ORDER TO DO MEANINGFUL
INTERNAL ALLIED STUDIES.

4. FRENCH REP (GUELLUY) MADE CLEAR THAT HE HAD NO
NEW INSTRUCTIONS.

5. COMMENT: THE OTHER ALLIES CONTINUE TO AWAIT FRENCH
REACTION TO THE IDEA OF A FOOTNOTE SOLUTION. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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